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THE GATEWAY

TO THE UNIVERSITY OF OMAHA

DON'T FORGET TO GO
TO THE FORMAL RECEPTION.
EVERYBODY WILL
COME.

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FORMAL RECEPTION IN GYM THURSDAY

Students and Faculty of All
Branches Requested To
Attend

Tomorrow evening, the trustees, all the student body, the faculty, and the administration of the College of Liberal Arts, College of Commerce and Finance, and College of Law, are invited to attend the Formal Reception, held in Jacob's Hall, at eight o'clock. The faculty, and Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. are sponsoring the affair and consider that an enjoyable program has been arranged.

Marie Scott, who is in full charge of the reception, says that this year's will be even more of a success than last year's, which was held on Washington's Birthday, and was the first Formal Reception held by the University.

Katherine Bloss and Stella Adamson have charge of the decorations, and Gwendolen Harger will use her own good judgement on the refreshments. The faculty take-offs will be entertaining, and there are several musical numbers and readings on the program.

Although the reception is called a formal one, it is not strictly so, for everyone is invited whether they dress formally or not. The object of the Formal, is a good time, and no one will be out of place.

Pre-Med. Dept. Has Additional Courses

One of the strongholds of the University of Omaha has always been the pre-medical department. Out of this department have gone many students who later attained the medical honorary Alpha Omega Alpha degree which is awarded only to those doctors who have distinguished themselves as to scholarship and good character. The high percentage of A. O. A. men places the Omaha University in the foreground among Nebraska universities in regard to pre-med training.

At the present time, the courses that are being offered in this department are determined largely by the needs of the students who must meet the requirements of the medical college. The curriculum is being constantly adjusted, under the direction of Miss Nell Ward, dean of the science hall.

The Pre-Medic Club is the organization which attends to the interests of the "pre-meds." Each Thursday morning at ten o'clock some speaker is secured to address the students on some subject of vital interest. Among the men who have addressed the club in the past are Dr. R. W. Fouten, Dr. H. M. McClanahan, and Dr. J. J. Keegan.

While the pre-med department is one of the most important that comes under the heading of science, the Chemistry section is also one of the fine ones of the University of Omaha. Miss Nell Ward is instructor in Chemistry and sponsor of the Chemistry Club which exists for the purpose of fostering interest in Chemistry among the students, and Gamma Pi Sigma, the honorary Chemistry fraternity.

A course in comparative vertebrate anatomy is being offered this year.

The Student Council which meets every first and third Thursday of the month, discussed a new constitution at their meeting last Thursday, which will be brought up for adoption at the next meeting. Donald Walker, the President requested that all members be at the meeting. The following are members of the Council: Dorothy Manger, Leah Dunbar, Arthur Dean, Richard Graham, Don McManis and Grace Margaret Wells.

Chemical Fraternity Elects New Members

Eight new associate members have been elected to the Gamma Pi Sigma Fraternity, the Honorary Chemical Fraternity which was organized two years ago. The upper ten per cent of each chemistry class may be elected if their scholastic standing is high enough. Associate members are those having four honor hours of chemistry. They are entitled to a guard on their pins. The active members are those students having eight or more honor hours. They receive a Gamma Pi Sigma Key. Creighton University also has a chapter in Gamma Pi Sigma.

The new associate members are: Julius Bogrich, Albert Lindblad, Orville Pierson, Eldridge Smiley, Harold Bastron, Ruth Harris, Andrea Overman, and Walker Thompson.

Herbert Fischer Is Secretary of Omaha Night Law School

Herbert Fischer, who received his B. A. and L. L. B. degrees from the University of Omaha in 1925, has been appointed Secretary of the University of Omaha Night Law School, succeeding Arthur C. Thomsen, who was recently elected District Judge.

Judge Thomsen has been secretary since 1911, at which time the school had seven students. It has now grown so that the annual enrollment averages one hundred, with a corps of thirty four practicing attorneys and judges as instructors.

Mr. Fischer was very active during his four years at the University. He was Editor of "The Weekly Gateway," "The Annual," Chairman of the Gala Day Central Committee, President of the Pan-Hellenic Council. He was also engaged in many minor activities. He is a member of Alpha Sigma Lambda and Lambda Phi, law fraternities. He is at present associated with his father in the law firm of Fischer & Fischer.

Under his management, Mr. Fischer states that the constructive policies and the constant desire for improvement which Judge Thomsen always had for the law school will be his policies and that he will always strive to make the school more "famous for its learning."

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

The Home Economics Club held a short business meeting Friday afternoon. The purpose of the meeting was to plan a social for the reception of new members. According to Miss McCartney all the food and clothing classes have been more than double this semester. This will give much new material for the club which is very small in personnel but great in enthusiasm. This meeting for the entertainment of the new members will be held sometime in the near future, probably in about two weeks.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday—The Gateway; Student Assembly; Orchestra at five; Band at seven; Radio hour over W. O. W. at five-thirty.

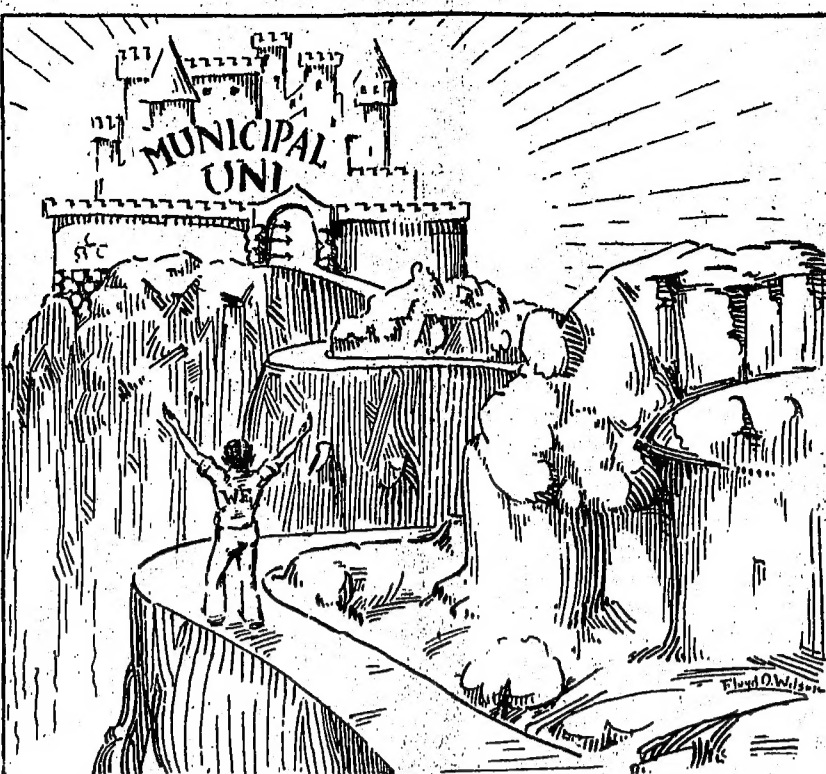
Thursday—Freshman Lecture; Choir at five; Formal Reception for the entire student body, Jacob's Hall at eight.

Friday—Student Assembly; Commercial Club at two-thirty; Game with Grand Island here.

Saturday—Antelope Chase; Game with Midland here; Girl's game.

Sunday—Assembly; Church service at eight.

Tuesday—Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. meetings; Choir at seven.



MUSIC ORGANIZATION TO SHOW ACTIVITY

Band Organizes; Choir Prepares
For Concerts; Orchestra
Plans Club

Starting anew with the beginning of a new semester, the various University musical organizations have taken definite steps toward bigger and better things.

The choir is to begin immediately upon a series of intensive practices in preparation for the numerous concerts which are to be given in the near future. A program has been carefully planned and the choir is anxious to perfect it.

The band, under the direction of Professor Bogdan Schianta, is expecting to make decided progress during the next few months. At the last practice a business meeting was held and the band was organized with Miss Maxine Delavan as President, and Miss Mabel Shively as Secretary. Miss Evelyn McDonald will act as Librarian. All University students, including those from the College of Commerce, who play ban instruments are urged to join this organization.

The orchestra, under the excellent leadership of Professor Seidl, is making plans for an orchestra club. Officers will be elected, attendance rules made and plans for social functions discussed.

News of the Tour

Miss Elizabeth Sayles has drawn a very fine Poster advertising the Tour. It depicts beautiful Castle Chillon on Lake Geneva and is placed in the window of the Burlington Railroad at the busiest corner of the city—16th and Farnam, where 22,000 persons pass each day during business hours.

The University is receiving an average of from two to eight inquiries about the tour daily, at least half of them from out of town.

Several Railroad Companies have promised to boost the tour throughout their system. Among them are the Burlington, the Missouri Pacific, the Rock Island and the Northwestern.

Kahn Leads In Theta Phi Delta Assembly

Last Monday's assembly was sponsored by the Theta Phi Delta fraternity. Featuring the morning's program was Ed Kahn who presented several groups of piano numbers. In concluding his presentation he played the St. Louis Blues (with variations) incorporating into this selection other numbers.

OMAHA UNI. TEAM IN DUAL DEBATE

Law School Students Stage Draw
In Contest With
Doane

The University of Omaha debate team has only competed in one Nebraska Conference dual debate. On Feb. 11, the affirmative team of Omaha, composed of students from the Law School defeated the negative team from Doane College, Crete, Neb., in the University Library. The members of the squad taking part were W. Schroeder, F. C. Heinisch, and E. W. Hogle, in their respective order. At the Omaha debate the best possible judges were secured, they were Rabbi Frederick Cohn, John L. White, the debate coach of Abraham Lincoln High School of Council Bluffs, and Seymour Smith, prominent Omaha Attorney. The decision was 2 to 1 in favor of the home team.

The negative team from Omaha University dropped their end of the debate to the affirmative team of Doane, by a decision of 2 to 1, in the debate held at Doane. The Omahans who made the trip are all representatives of the Law School, the speakers in order were Allen Cohen, Bruce Baker, and Helena Gebuhr. The debate was close and hard fought. Miss Gebuhr, for the negative, and Edwin Hogle, for the affirmative, respective captains of the two teams, were the outstanding speakers in each case.

WITH DR. EMERY

Dr. E. W. Emery has been, as always, busy this week. On Tuesday Feb. 12 he gave an informal address at the Parent-Teachers Association of Minne Lusa School. On Thursday, in company with Prof. Logan and Prof. Schianta, Dr. Emery attended the Concord Club as the guest of Mr. Siegmund. The Concord members and guests were delighted by a few words from Dr. Emery.

Thursday evening Dr. and Mrs. Emery were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Baumeister at their Council Bluffs home.

On Monday, Feb. 18, Dr. Emery was the guest of the Phi Sigma Phi fraternity meeting. Tuesday evening he attended the formal dinner honoring Walter Reed who has been elected president of Chicago bank at the Chamber of Commerce. The affair is given by the Greater Omaha Association of that group.

CHEMISTRY CLUB NOTES

The Chemistry Club met Wednesday night, Feb. 13, in the South Amphitheater of the University of Nebraska, College of Medicine. There were four addresses given on Modern Researches in Science.

UNIVERSITY OF OMAHA CONSIDERED AS NUCLEUS FOR MUNICIPAL SCHOOL

Dean of Girls to Attend
Cleveland Convention

Dean Rene Stevens, on the eve of her departure for Cleveland, where she will attend the convention of the National Education Association, states that all is well among the women of the University. Unconcerned in her comfortable and cheery office, Dean Stevens does appear to be well satisfied with her flock. She is anticipating a pleasant and profitable week in Cleveland and feels that she is leaving her portion of the school management running smoothly.

Interior Decorating Is Offered by U. of O. Thursday Evenings

An Interior Decorating Course is being offered by John McGill, professional decorator for Orchard-Wilhelm and former student in France. The course is entirely different from other art courses.

The class meets Thursday evenings from seven-thirty to eight-thirty. Lectures are given by Mr. John McGill, and individual problems are worked out by each student.

Mr. McGill studied in Europe 2½ years, attending the New York school of Fine Applied Arts, Paris Branch. His course included two months each in England, Belgium and Italy.

FORMAL RECEPTION

"I can't say why, but I feel it in my bones that a good time is in store for everyone who comes to the Formal Reception tomorrow night. I am glad that everyone can come whether they wear a formal or not. If the entertainment is what it promises to be, I certainly don't want to miss the faculty take-offs. And the food! My mouth waters when I think of what we may have. I know there will be a sight leading to the contemplation of beauty when the girls wander about the halls in their lovely evening gowns. I hope everyone who can come will be there."

PRE-MEDIC MEETING

The regular meeting of the Pre-Medic Club was Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Science Hall at 10 o'clock.

Dr. J. Jay Keegan, Dean of the College of Medicine of the University of Nebraska, was the speaker. His topic was, "What is Required of the Pre-Medic Student." He spoke of the accomplishment of medicine in the past and the opportunities opening in the future. Dr. Keegan explained the relationship of modern medicine to "Quackery" and the danger of this.

The meeting was well attended and very profitable.

Kahn Brothers and Art Green Add to Chemical Laurels

Arthur Greene and Ralph Kahn have received four additional honor hours entitling them to rubys in their keys. Edvin Kahn has seven additional hours which entitle him to a ruby and a pearl.

The other members of Gamma Pi Sigma who are now in school are: Arthur Dean, President; Alice Hamer, Secretary; Vivian Kretzel, Charles Matthews, Frank Truesdale, Warren Hinkle, Dewar Victor, and Donald Butler.

Be sure and correct YOUR name on the student and faculty directory list. Look on the bulletin board.

No Competition With
Creighton-McDermott

Sponsored by Greater Omaha
Association. Randall
Presents Bill

CAMPUS SITE OFFERED

The Randall Bill, sponsored by the Greater Omaha Association, and providing that the people of Omaha would have an opportunity to vote on the establishment of a municipal university, is now before the state legislature at Lincoln. Those at the discussions have assumed that the bill would pave the way for city control of the University of Omaha, though such is not stated in the bill, because of constitutional restrictions.

A delegation of prominent Omaha business men, headed by John N. Shannahan, chairman of the Greater Omaha Association, appeared before the senate committee of Municipal affairs Feb. 12, to urge favorable action on the bill. Among the members of the delegation were two of the trustees of the University of Omaha, A. W. Gordon, president of the board of trustees, and J. E. Davidson.

Statements of several of the committee members appeared in copies of the two daily papers of the city. Commissioner John Hopkins has expressed himself heartily in favor of the bill. "There are bills here every two years to tax the whole state for junior colleges and other educational institutions. I can see no reason why the legislature should not permit the people of Omaha to vote whether or not it shall lay a tax, not on the whole state, but on itself only, for the same purpose." A. W. Gordon, president of the Omaha board of trustees, stated that there was no intention of competing with Nebraska University, for the University of Nebraska is growing so fast that it is a problem to keep the attendance within the limits. Frank McDermott, president of the Creighton alumni association told the committee that there was no question of competition with Creighton in the plan to open a municipal university.

If the plan for a municipal university should materialize, there is a group of Omaha business men who stand in readiness to present the university with a sixty acre campus site. This ground lies in the northwest part of Omaha, just two miles from the court house. Options have been obtained on almost the entire plot of ground.

Artists' Ball Planned By Paint Pot

Bunco, Bridge and Dancing for
Students and Faculty

The Paint Pot, University Art Club, has called a meeting for Wednesday, February 20, in the Art Studio. The object of this meeting will be to form plans for an Artists' Ball to be held in the near future. This is to be a costume ball with educational scenery, spirited music, and dancing of bunco and bridge as well as dancing. The entire student body and the Faculty will be invited to attend.

Miss Augusta Knight, head of the art department expressed a desire for the success of this project and has loaned the club house that was very original and artistic costumes will be worn. It is requested that prizes may be given to the best girl who made the most attractive costume. Watch the bulletin board for more information.

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EDITORIAL

LOYALTY

February is the month of great birthdays. Lincoln's birthday has passed, but we have yet to celebrate the birthday of the man who was "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen." Washington has been called the "Father of his country" because he was ever ready to be of service to it. When there was a battle to be fought, he fought the battle. When moral and spiritual support were needed, he gave that support. Washington was an educated man; he believed in those things which make for a better and happier world.

George Washington was loyal to his country and to his ideas. A personal pleasure never interfered with duty. Wouldn't it be well for some of us to get perspective and to incorporate it into our school life? Perhaps the next time there is a basketball game and a good show on the same night, loyalty to the University of Omaha may prompt us to come to the game and boost for the team. Such loyalty may never go down in history, but there will be a great reward in seeing the gratitude of the team. Perhaps when we wake that submerged spark of loyalty, we will go forth and reach great heights, then posterity will hear a "cherry tree" story made up for our special benefit.

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire—conscience.—Washington.

Lies in the mind, the never-yielding purpose,
Nor owns the blind award of giddy fortune.

Thompson.

A MUNICIPAL UNIVERSITY

The proposed municipal University of Omaha would bring many unheard-of possibilities to the school as it now exists. With a municipal venture a large faculty expansion would be possible. No doubt under such a regime all the teachers would have their Doctor's degrees. Many new courses could be established and the total breadth of the university increased. With the added funds that such an undertaking would provide new buildings and equipment could be secured. It would no longer be necessary for the classes to be crowded, and the building filled beyond its capacity. If this year's growth is repeated, a system of double-decking the members will have to be established.

A municipal University would draw many students from other localities and these students would augment the nucleus student body of the present order, and an interchange of ideas would result. Then, too, this type of school would be of immense value to those who cannot go away from home. Such a school would provide for the education as envied by many at a reasonable expense. Then those who cannot leave home for other reasons will be furnished with a sound education, without the necessity of leaving the city. With all the advantages to be derived from a municipal University of Omaha, we can see the need of hastening the possibility of such a school. The people of Omaha must be told on the proposition.

May Heaven send me
Not what I wish,
But what will be for my good.

Meander.

From a friend, or venture from a foe,
And let on heaven that our merits know.

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Mac's Mutterings

OUR PUBLIC will now gaze upon a column of highly original remarks about certain things collegiate.

THAT THETA pledge, Joe Kubat, claims that the modern Lincoln is usually born in a garage. And we thought that Joe's father ran a cigar store.

WHEN THE boys have finally paid for those fraternity pins, they will probably greet us with the old story of "Say, Buddy, can you loan us a dime for a cup of cowfee?"

HOWEVER THEY should have enough dimes by this time, having shined shoes for the past week.

WE ALL laughed when certain members of the faculty allowed diminutive pledges to polish their shoes, while a masterly active stood close at hand.

THERE WILL be a shortage of tomb-stones, thermometers, and arc-lights for some time to come, now that probation week is over.

SOME OF the new actives have declared that they have no intention of sitting down for weeks and weeks.

FRATERNITY PADDLES really should not be over two inches thick. Someone must survive to keep the organizations active.

WE NEVER knew how many engaged Co-eds there were at this university until we tried to date some of them during probation week.

THIS COLUMN sincerely wishes that it could accompany the crowd on the European tour this summer, as staff correspondent or even as bell-hop.

OUR AMBITION has always been to land in Paris and try out a few French phrases on the natives.

MAYBE WE have been getting jipped all the time.

ANYWAYS THE scenery should be nice.

AS COLLEGE MAGAZINES WOULD HAVE US

REMARKS FOR THE INCOMING FRESHMAN:

(When your name is called be sure and say the following so that everyone will turn around and look at you)

Student: "Yeah, I'm here. PRES-ENT!"

(Use the following when you aren't prepared):

Student: What was the question? Well, that's just the same as so-and-so said. I didn't quite get the idea of the article. I put in two hours and a half. Yes sir. Is that all?

HOW TO KILL TIME IN LECTURE CLASS

(When the roll is called, be sure and see that everyone says "here" at the same time).

Student: No sir. I didn't say that, and why pick on me?

Prof.: Will you kindly keep quiet or leave the room?

Student: No, sir. I have to re-ally.

Prof.: Roll call!

Student: Here!

Prof.: Silence.

Student: (Business of burning hairs off of leg with automatic cigar lighter) Say, prof., when do you want those out-lines turned in?

Prof.: You see me after class about these.

(The student may here relax and doze for a short time).

Prof.: And Hypocrite was a Greek, hey, wake up, back there.

Student: Amen, amen. (Gory halloo)

Prof.: Kindly pay attention.

Student: I can't, I'm Scotch.

Another student: Time, time, time.

Prof.: The class is dismissed. (Full information for information and class room regulations will be furnished free to every inmate upon request.)

Max's Note Book

When the Prince of Wales blushes, you wouldn't necessarily call it a royal flush.

Maybe if some of these boys who would die for their dear old Alma Mater did so everyone would be better off.

Another geometrical fact is that shooting away one side of it doesn't wholly solve the eternal triangle.

Most men call a spade a spade—until they drop it on their toes.

A Him to a Her flea: Marry me or I'll go to the dogs.

A certain young man when asked what he thought of the Byrd expedition replied, "Not so hot, not so hot!"

In Council Bluffs they use a hammer and a watch to catch fish with. The fish come up to see what time it is and they hit them on the head with the hammer.

I have one of these runabout autos—run about a mile, then stop. The worm always turns—when his wife tells him to from the back seat.

The wise guy who knows how many itches there are in a mosquito can also tell you the number of peeps in a keyhole.

It will be a Scotchman who will find a way to condense shampoo suds back into soap.

DEAREST LEAH

Oh, how I long for a sweet woman to whom I can pour out my tales of woe when I am feeling in need of help.

Leah my own, I am now in great trouble and you are the only one who can solve my problem.

I have thought of nothing else for the past three months and when we had our last date I was almost on the verge of asking you then, but I felt that the time had not yet come for me to do so. But now Spring is here and the birds are singing in the trees, the monkeys are in their cages and the flowers are blooming every day. I am very timid in asking this of you as you will probably notice, but this is the first time I have ever attempted a thing of this sort.

I am a young man and of course this is most unusual for me. I have recently come to the conclusion that youth should be frank and therefore beloved, I am coming to you with my troubles.

I am now working for a reliable concern and the wages I receive should be more than enough to cover the thing I am asking you about. I can honestly say that I feel myself capable of taking care of the matter if you will only give me your answer as soon as possible.

Truly, my love, I am greatly bothered by this thing.

But I have parleyed long enough. Really, Leah, now that Spring is here, should I remove my red flannels and purchase B. V. D's?

Your adored one,
Casey.

! ! ! !

At this point
We have decided that
The fellow who
Does what he calls
A good turn and
Then rushes around
Telling everyone about
It and making certain
That the fact is known
Is not worth one shoe-lace
Of the fellow who
Quietly sees to it
That he is kind to
Everyone all the time
And does a good turn
When he gets a chance
And yet does not
Think of bragging
Or boasting about himself
And we are also certain
That while the first
Person may be remembered
For a short time
In the minds of other people
The second will
Live forever in the hearts
Of those whom he has
Benefited

"THE CUBS' CORNER"

This literary corner is especially intended for the publication of amateur poetry and short prose selections written exclusively by the students of the University of Omaha. The encouragement of talent along literary lines is its earnest aim. Any contributions from students will be welcomed.

When Life was very young,
And gay, and free;
Wandering with the summer wind
Upon a shining tress of hair,
He found the treasure of the ages there.
A single pure white rose, entwined.
Full-blown, perfected,
When man was yet too new
To understand, the worth of
What he held within his hairy hand.
Now Life is old,
As earth is old,
But still he does not see,
That one white rose,
Is still the jewel
Of all eternity.

—Lee.

THIS CIVILIZATION

The green hills stood, temples, proud in their power, yet lifting up their heads with a meek majesty toward those blue fields, so deep in great white daisies. Sleeping, that, lovely land lay like a crown on the leafy heads of the ancient hills, so old, yet always young. Long ribbons of light from the dying sun lay in splendor across the scene. The drowsy song of laboring bees, vagrant vassals. To the court of flowers, rose rainbow-like and perfumed. A golden lane of billowing trees, leading into the scarlet west. Beauty,—silence—enchantment—And then—the shriek of a siren, the puffing, panting chug of a coal truck, as it appears.

SNOW

The early morning sun pierced its beam through the cool, crisp, morning air and set myriads of tiny flashing crystallines dancing and playing before my eyes. All about me, as far as eye could reach was snow, snow and more snow. It seemed as if the famed Milky Way had over-run its heavenly banks and had ploshed and splattered the earth in a clean freshening white.

Walking, I tread lightly, fearing the harsh crunch of my heel would aggrue the stillness. The delightful smell of the morning, set my nostrils acquiver. The lightness of my gait surpassed me as I touched the blanket with my blundering feet.

The roof tops were groaning under their weight of cleanliness; the scattered shrubbery dropped its weary head as in shame for its past sordidness, but dropping, it was now clean and proud in its glory; the lawn plot was a newly laundered spread in its splendor; the inclined driveway sloped no more—it was no more empty; the two dwarfed catalpas no longer needed to blush in shame for their nudeness; and here and there, nooks and crannies were banked high where a kind wind lead straying orphan flakelets to rest from their flutterings.

My reverie was broken by the spasmodic cough of a fillyer, and turning sharply I beheld, to my horror, the peaceful layer of white, where the roadway was the preceding day, being plowed and sacrilegiously disturbed by the furious onslaught of the first of the morning caravan.

—Carl Uhlarik.

Who's Who in the U. of O.

NORWOOD K. WOERNER
Advertising Manager of The Omaha

Norwood K. Woerner, advertising manager of this year's Omaha, is a dyed-in-the-wool Omaha product, having been born and raised in the city. He graduated from Central High School in 1926, having been very active in school affairs there. During his last year in high school he was radio announcer for the Central High station, KOCH.

His first year at the University of Omaha was spent in becoming acclimated to the university and getting a good start in the engineering course, which he had elected to follow. With the start of his sophomore year he began to make things "hum." His activities since that time have ranged from cheer leading to taking an active part in the dramatic work of the school.

Both last year and the present one have seen Woerner as one of the cheer leaders, noticeable for his ability to manufacture "pep" in a group of half-hearted rooters. His work in the line of dramatics has been no less outstanding. Last year he held a place on the stage crew, serving during the opera, "The Ghost of Lollipop Bay," as both stage manager and a member of the cast.

As president of the German Club, he took part in last year's Variety Variation, and during the rest of the performance he served as a member of the stage crew. He had second lead in the center play of last year, "Up and Adam," while this year he carried one of the comedy parts of the play, "White Collar," recently given by the Drama Club.

As a member of the cast of "The Color Line," the play sponsored by the "Y," he attended the Student Volunteer Convention last year for the premier performance of the play. This year he also holds a place on the "Y" & "A" subject.

His ability as a business man has been demonstrated by the efficient way he has managed the business end of The Gateway this year, and his appointment on the Omaha staff, last year as one of the ad staff, this year as Advertising Manager.

The hobby of this versatile young man is best explained by saying that he serves as ad manager in his father's business, and gets the greatest kind of joy out of making ideas into concrete form so that the public can understand the interpretation.

As for his opinion of the school, well—"While the University of Omaha is so far superior this year to what it was last year that there is no comparison, the students still do not support the school and its backers enough. For instance, the men who advertise in The Gateway should be supported by the student body."

The end and aim of all his education is to be a real man, according to his statement. But to be more specific, he intends to go to Chicago when he finishes university, and work there at least until 1933, in order to be able to see the World's Fair.

Furness and Chapman were called on the Dean's carpet one morning for disturbing the peace. Chapy declared that Ned had tried to slap him on the wrist and that he didn't like it. Dean: "Why did you try to harm Chapman, Furness?"

Ned: "Please, sir. He called me a rhinoceros."

Dean: "When was that?"

Ned: "Three years ago, sir."

Dean: "How is it then that the disturbance didn't happen sooner?"

Ned: "Please, sir. I never saw a rhinoceros until yesterday."

Chap: I hear they found Columbus today.

Monnie: I didn't know he was a gambler.

GREEKS

Theta Phi Delta held informal initiation Saturday evening, February 16. Formal initiation and pledging was held Sunday afternoon at the home of Warren Hinzle. The fraternity will meet at the home of Ben Frather Monday evening, February 25.

Alpha Sigma Lambda held formal initiation at the home of Brainard Wolfmeyer Sunday afternoon. The fraternity met at Dewar Victor's, February 18.

Phi Sigma Phi met Sunday afternoon at Thirteenth and Farnam to hold informal initiation. The informal hold informal initiation. The informal initiation was followed by formal at the home of Duane Hutchison that night.

Formal pledging of Pi Omega Pi was held at the home of Virginia Vliet Monday evening, February 18. Ellen Anne Slader will have informal initiation at her home in Fort Calhoun February 22. The annual for mal dinner of the sorority will be given the evening of February 28 at the Blackstone Hotel.

Sigma Chi Omicron held informal initiation at the home of Adeline Brader, Saturday evening. Ann McConnell had formal initiation and pledging at her home February 17.

Kappa Psi Delta met at the home of Christine Rullman, Sunday afternoon, February 17 to hold formal initiation and pledging.

Phi Delta Psi informally initiated pledges at the home of Dorothy Wulff, Saturday evening. Formal initiation and pledging was held at the home of Luree Combs, Sunday afternoon.

Gamma Sigma Omicron held informal initiation at the home of Serena Morgan, Saturday evening. Dorothy Seabrooks had formal pledging and initiation at her home, February 17.

Murder Trial Coming In School Moot Court

Have you ever wondered how it would seem to be on the jury or be a spectator at a sensational murder trial? You may gratify any such desires Saturday evening, February 23rd, by attending the opening session of the Moot Court of the University of Omaha Law School. The case called for the evening is "State of Nebraska vs. Buke Gooley," and involves the bloodiest of all bloody murders. Buke Gooley, a retired sea captain of the age of sixty-five, is being tried for the murder of his sweetheart, Widow Gwynne, who was found murdered in absolutely cold blood. Will he be convicted? Will the victim's clothes which were found in the accused's yard convince the jury of his guilt? Will a tale of jealousy on the part of the accused for the three other suitors for the widow's hand be unfolded and establish the motive for the crime?

If you want to find out the answers to these questions come to the University of Omaha Library, Saturday evening at 7:30, at which time Court will convene. District Judge Charles Leslie will preside. John Thomas, of the fourth year class, and Franklin Royce, of the third year class, will conduct the prosecution, and Herbert Story, of the fourth year class, and John Eidam of the third year class, will defend Mr. Gooley.

Y. M. NOTES

The Y. M. C. A. held its meeting Tuesday in the Y. M. Den. The meeting was opened by a song and several short prayers. Oliver Hasselhoff gave a talk on the meaning of Y. M. C. A. He brought out the fact that it should primarily be a Christian organization, promoting the development of the four most important sides of life: physical, spiritual, intellectual, and social. The remainder of the meeting was spent in discussing how to obtain members and make the "Y" a more prominent organization in the college life.

President's Message

Coming hard upon the heels of the years immediately following the World War has come the discussion of peace, disarmament, and doing away as far as possible with disagreement among nations and establishing a friendly attitude which should not only be national but world wide.

As students our attention has been called during the month of February to two outstanding statesmen of our country. The very lives and history of Washington and Lincoln stand as monuments to the idealism of America.

In thinking of patriotism and loyalty today, we naturally strengthen our attitudes very largely by recalling the lives of men and their deeds which have crystallized as a result of our thinking.

Thinking and acting have become such a definite part of each individual's life that it is well to pause and weigh the value of the lives of these men. We should try to interpret as far as possible what the influence of any single life may have upon the mass if applied the right way and dominated by the right ideals.

Patriotism and loyalty demand a consecration of one's ideals, hopes, and aspirations and brings to full fruition in manhood and womanhood, the sentiments which stir one's being. The educational processes of today are playing a great part in national life in carrying forward the progress of the nations of the world.

With education as a passion as it has been said in America we have the opportunity to reach youth in its plastic state and educate towards those essential factors upon which national life is built. It is well, therefore, for us this month to re-read again of the lives of our heroes and study much more carefully the ideals which they held, which make them today the outstanding characters of the world, which they are, and to whom countless millions turn their eyes and attempt to emulate in so far as is possible, those things, which while so intangible yet are very concrete, in making of their individual life, a life worth living.

Y. W. NOTES

In order to follow up in a definite way the benefit which they said they received from the lectures of Sherwood Eddy, the members of the Y. W. C. A. discussed practical Christian things that could be done on the campus at their meeting last Tuesday in the Y room. Linda Bradway led the discussion after giving several announcements. Each girl who was there decided to be a missionary and to bring one other girl to the regular Tuesday meeting at assembly hour. Another important matter taken up was the race problem. The girls agreed that they were anxious to have the colored girls who are on the campus, active in the Y. W. work. There was general consent that their personalities would greatly enrich the ranks of the Y. W. C. A.

With the Faculty

Miss Frances Wood, kindergarten primary instructor, who has been ill for several weeks resumed her classes Monday, February 11.

N. J. Logan head of the School of Music at the University of Omaha addressed the Concord Club at the Hotel Fontenelle, Thursday noon February 14. Bodham Schlanter offered a violin number, and Mrs. Mile Lukovsky sang several numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Karl R. Werendoff.

E. G. Rasmussen will conduct the class in Orientation during the absence of Irwin A. Hammer, Thursday. Dean Hammer left to attend the Cleveland Convention of the National Education held February 20-22.

Professor Frank Smith is now giving the orchestra lessons in musical theory which are proving very interesting.

Miss Frieda Nelson, secretary of the School of Commerce and Finance, was ill Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

To Marry or Not to Marry?—By Nichols

Marriage is a book of which the chapter is written in poetry and the remaining chapters in prose, "says Beverley Nichols, young English writer, in the March College Humor. Modern marriage is a book of which the first chapter is usually written in free verse and the remaining chapters in prose. Always my question "WHAT will happen when the poetry gives way to prose?" Frankly, I don't know. Nor do you.

"What, I ask myself, could a wife do for me? She could not write any of my books, though she might stop me from writing some of them. She might do my typing, but that is an indignity to which I would not subject her. I prefer to pay my typist's bills. What else could a wife do for me? She could run my house. Yes, Of all the foolish legends with which this world is befogged the legend that women know anything about housekeeping is the most foolish. To see them as they attempt to tackle a supremely simple operation such as spring cleaning is as embarrassing as to watch an incompetent subaltern getting tied up with his platoon during army maneuvers.

"Nor have women, with the exception of rare geniuses, any conception of decoration. If women really had their way they would turn every room into a jumble sale. If they are given a picture, up it must go, whether it is appropriate or not. If they have a cushion, it must be pushed in somehow or other. What else could a wife do for me. She could be a companion. Ah! You are evoking the phantom which is the haunting fear of all bachelors—loneliness. But may there not be a welcome in the very loneliness after the fretting contacts of the day? And are there not more books in the world to read than I shall ever know, and am I not far more capable than anybody else of pouring out my own whisky and soda?

"Suppose I have been to an amusing party. I may want the party to go on. I may want to bring dozens of people home with me—Jane who sings, and John who plays the piano, and Oliver who mimics people so brilliantly. If I am married, how am I going to do that, unless I marry an angel of tact and forbearance?

"I rejoice in my freedom. If I choose, I can get on board a steamer tomorrow and sail to Hawaii and start a trade in illicit drugs. I can grow a beard and screech anarchy in Hyde Park. I can stay in bed and eat macaroons. I can fill the house with monkeys. I can keep goldfish in the bath. In other words, I can be myself, as the Americans say. "You are going to tell me that 'if everybody thought as I did the world would cease altogether, and humanity would perish from the face of the earth.' To which I can only reply, 'Why not?'

PROBATION WEEK TRIALS

When Greek meets Greek.... Kappas, ever so tolerant of their freshmen in their awkwardness and naivete, talking to them just as if they were not denizens of an inferior world....pale faced (due to abandonment of cosmetics) Sig Chi freshmen lurking around the back door of the Hash House waiting for signals of safety to enter or trying to appear inconspicuous in their stockings shrieking with colors....pledges of Phi Delta Psi, in thick black stockings of days of long ago sneaking into the class room, submitting to the ignominy of faded wash dresses and hair ribbons, and murmuring Alpha Delta, Delta, Gamma and so on and so on....Pi Om's following their pledges around demanding candy from the bags carried by the apressed freshmen....girls with hair pulled back tightly behind their ears weighed down with several petticoats, passing ripe black olives to the active pledges to receive them, addressing them with "Your Ma! out, I am nothing"—freshmen of Gamma Sigma Omicron....Phi Sigma's standing around apart from the common herd, away from the house-pieces of probation....which becomes in operation on the cent of a Theta pledge who also carries a shoe string outfit....that is probation.

Kuhn Tells Opposite Views on Education

Professor Kuhn, speaking Saturday evening over W. O. W. on the Educational Revolution, told of two extremes in educational ideas. At the same time, he voiced an opinion that the middle course is the best.

He said, "The radical change in the mode of living brought about by the harnessing of steam, electricity, oil, and gasoline during the last half century, and the upsetting of traditional conceptions in every field of science—Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Astronomy, Psychology, Sociology—has brought about a similar upheaval in the realm of education.

"Our time honored educational system and methods are being violently assailed on every side. Philosophers, Journalists, and sociologists, even leaders in the educational field itself, are poking fun at our public school system, are belittling our high school education, are claiming that our universities are producing parrots instead of men. One wing of educational experts demand that all attempts to restrict or control the student should be abandoned; that it is an impertinence on the part of college professors to expect students to swallow humbly what they present them in their lectures and to ask them to attend classes regularly. According to them college students ought to have absolute freedom in determining their own methods of study.

"Another wing goes to the opposite extreme. College Associations set up entrance requirements for students, about the hours and minutes of class attendance required, about the kinds and number of books to be covered in certain courses. The latter wing compels students, professors, deans, and college presidents to march in Prussian goose step formation to their command."

Professor Kuhn voiced the conviction that the practical method of pedagogy avoided either of these extremes: that one one hand it would not tolerate the anarchy and waste of energy which would result from a complete disorganization of its courses to suit each individual mood, nor on the other hand the dictation to professors and students by a body of bureaucrats and scholastic Mandarins of methods of teaching so circumscribed as to rob every student and every professor of his own initiative and the use of methods fitted to his own personality.

He concluded by drawing the attention of students and teachers to the great World Convention of Education Associations at Geneva, Switzerland this summer, at which our university will be represented by President Emery, Professor Kuhn, and possibly some of our students.

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APRIL FOOL'S DAY originated in an ancient pagan festival such as the Huli festival of the Hindus or the Feast of the Fools, celebrated by the Romans of February 17?

ONE HUNDRED COTTAGES and barns were built without nails near Vermillion Alberta, in 1927?

EIGHT MILLION American Sunday papers are sold annually in Canada where Sunday newspaper printing is forbidden? American monthly and weekly magazines have a circulation of one million in Canada.

THE AMERICAN-CANADIAN Pecuniary Claims Commission has awarded the Cayuga Indians, now of Canada, formerly of New York \$100,000 in settlement of a guaranteed annuity of \$23,000 that the State of New York ceased paying in 1809?

"BUFFALO" WAS the original spelling of Buffalo, New York?

THERE ARE ABOUT 67,000 miles of oil lines, mostly eight inch size, for the movement of crude oil from the fields to refineries?

THE ONLY HAND-CUT MARBLE building in America is the Pierpont Morgan library?

NEW JERSEY'S ANNUAL expenditure of \$225,000 for mosquito extermination has increased taxable values \$43,000,000 in affected acres?

A TURKISH RADIO owner may be questioned by the authorities at any time for his reasons for desiring to "tune in" on particular stations?

A LUMINOUS SPIDER exists in Burma but no specimen has ever been caught?

TOKIO, JAPAN, is nearer the western extremity of Alaska than is Seattle Washington?

THE MOMENT a young crocodile breaks from its shell it is as active as at any time during its life?

MORE THAN NINETY tons of reindeer meat were shipped into the United States from Alaska in 1925?

Food For Thought

The "Y" would like to know what became of all those who were ready to take the first step:

Wealth is a means, never an end. Education is an end as well as a means.

He who cleans his teeth has good taste.

The more you use a machine the quicker it wears out. The more you use your mind the more it will develop.

It is not the lack of opportunities that keeps man behind. It is the lack of training.

The shortest and surest way to prove a work possible is to strenuously set about it.

There are two ways by which you can control people. The one is by force, the other is by education. As one decreases the need for the other becomes greater.

Miss Frances Platt has resumed her classes in French, after being absent since the beginning of the second semester because of illness.

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Greek Jabs

The Thetas seem to have a good theory. They pledge everybody they can get and then kill off the ones they don't want at their initiations.

Someone has remarked that the Phi Sigs have to be good sailors in order to be in good standing.

The Pi O pledges had to throw a party for the Thetas in order to get some attention.

The Alpha Sigma Lambda, so-called preachers, had a tame initiation because their lone pledge didn't show up until it was very late, almost eight-thirty.

Now that Woerner is a member of the Theta frat there will be a siege of poker games instead of bridge, at the meetings.

Two Thetas, then, pledges tried to mob Dunham last Friday whereupon three other actives came in and helped them.

THE WEEK'S ASSEMBLIES

The Assembly program, Febr. 13, was sponsored by the Y. M. C. A. Professor Noel J. Logan sang several selections. "The Old Refrain" arranged by Fritz Kreisler, "Invictus" by Bruno Huhn and "The Two Grenadiers" by Schumann.

The Friday Assembly program was presented by Miss Danley, executive secretary of the North Side Y. W. C. A., in celebration of National Negro History Week.

Mrs. Pearl Rees, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Jamerson, sang a Negro Spiritual, "Oh, Wasn't That a Wide River" and Consuela Cross, a student of the University of Omaha, sang another spiritual "Deep River."

Rev. John Robert Williams of the St. Phillips Episcopal Church, spoke on the question of "Is the Negro a Negligible Factor?" Rev. Williams made an appeal to everyone for sympathy and appreciation of the contributions negroes have made to our national history.

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Girls' Second Team Loses to Creighton

In a game which was harder fought than the score would indicate, the U. of O. girls' team No. 2, was defeated by the Creighton Training School, Saturday night, 27 to 1. This was one of the regular city league games.

Marjorie Thomas, regular U. of O. guard, was unable to play, having been hit by a basketball while practicing, the day before the game.

The U. of O. line-up included: Forwards: Merle Ochiltree, Towle, and Blakely. Centers: Borg and Argenbright. Guards: Marjorie Ochiltree, Ingersoll and Ostergard.

The first team game with the Jewish Community Center team was postponed and will be played off sometime this week.

This Saturday night will find the second team playing the Benson Christian Team, and the first team playing the Van Avery Sporting Goods Co. The first game starts at 7:45 at the K. C. gym.

Omaha and Midland Fight Hard Battle

Omaha University's Basketball team only missed winning a game by the skin of their teeth last Saturday night. In fact they came so close that Midland hasn't quite gotten over the scare that was thrown into them, and as yet haven't decided just how they wrested a 27 to 24 win away from the hard fighting Cardinals.

The Cardinals didn't start to hit their full stride till the start of the second half when they came back and took the bit between their teeth and determined to give Midland a taste of their own medicine.

Featuring the attack was DeLoss Thompson, Johnny Rosenblatt and Tody Barber all of whom played excellent floor games. Midland's chief threat was to be found in Paul Nordsrom who accounted for the first nine of Midland's points. It was mainly through his ability to shoot off or on balance that accounted for Midland's 17 to 9 lead at the half.

Omaha's chances of winning the game were temporarily set back in the

second half when Paul Quissenberry was ejected from the game for feinting at Kistler, Midland guard. "Quiss" missed, but just the same Referee Adams didn't and so he was sent to cool off in the showers.

The loss of their center halted Omaha only momentarily because they came right back with a bang and proceeded methodically to cut down Midland's lead. After some fast basketball work the score stood at 17 to 18 with the long end in favor of Midland at which time they stepped out from Omaha and ran the count to 17 to 24. Omaha retaliated however and brought their score up to 20 through the work of Thompson who looped a basket and shot a free throw.

With two minutes to go pandemonium reigned with both teams striving for possession of the elusive ball. Both teams milled around the court until the final minute when Tody Barber slipped in a long one to bring the count to 25 to 22. On this shot he was fouled and he was given two chances for gift shots and made both of them, good to make it 25 to 24, with 40 seconds to go. Immediately after this Nordsrom got loose and sunk one from under the basket to put the game on ice for Midland.

Through the Hoop

Judging from the number of basketball players that are always slinging the blues when they have a few fouls called on them in practice, Al Joson will have to look to his laurels.

Rosenblatt, the J. C. C. flash seems to be all burned out when it comes to connecting with the hoops in the Cardinal gym.

At last one of the Omaha University players has passed the early season scoring mark set by Benjamin Prather. This high point was set by him in the few early season games and since he declared ineligible ten games have been played. We take off our hats to Ben and we certainly are sorry that he is ineligible as he might have set a new high score record for the conference at the rate that he started out.

Many new faces have come and many old faces have gone since the ending of the last semester. The new ones certainly have added new impetus to the team while the loss of some of the old ones has been felt considerably.

Let's get out and win with our new basketball captain. He might not look so big in stature, but ask any of the forwards that have played against him just how tough he really is. You will certainly find out that he is a "dandy" when it comes to mixing it up.

We have a set of brothers on the team for the first time in a good many years. Just the opposite to most brothers they play a good game together and take it from anyone they surely are an aggressive looking pair of men in basketball suits.

Hubka, at last seems to have found two forwards that will work together, namely, Streitwieser and Thompson. Of all the combinations that have been tried out this season they have performed with the most capably. At the

first of the season tall forwards were in demand but time has shown to everyone that height is not the only requisite for a good forward.

Jensen, last year's guard seems to just be coming into his own at last. He wasn't given a fair chance before but he certainly opened up the eyes of everyone at the last Thursday night practice.

If the boys' team doesn't look out they will have to hand over their place in the limelight to the girls' team. Watch out for your status big boys.

This night life seems to be telling on big tall Quissenberry. He plays a good game at all times but if he would only leave the femmes alone for a week he might be able to snap out of the stupe.

From some corner comes the rumor that someone intends to give a ball. But a ball sounds too high brow for us. Yet maybe we might work ourselves in. What? A Costume ball. Well, it's probably hopeless then. And from one source, none too reliable, came the word that there are to be Moorish costumes and a Moorish setting.

SPORTITORIAL

HATS OFF

Take off your hats to a team that hasn't lost a game this season, the girls' basketball team.

Despite the late start that they got on their training and the absence of a coach they have come through with flying colors. The girls deserve all the credit and honor that can be heaped upon them for living up to their reputation of last year. They may look frail and weak when in a formal but they certainly can fight when in a basketball uniform.

We mustn't forget the girls' number 2 team either.

They had to take what was left after the first team was picked, but despite that fact they have put up some game fights in their past contests. A rejuvenation of the teams personal has taken place in the past few weeks and since this the team has looked lots better.

The first and the second teams both have something in common in that they each have a set of twins on their respective teams.

The girls have been presented by the school with some real knobby uniforms for the honor that they have brought to the school. They really deserve the support of the students as much as the boys' basketball team. Let's get behind them and go down to the Knights of Columbus on Saturday nights to see them play.

LET'S GET STARTED

It is an interesting pastime figuring out just why certain universities give their teams plenty of backing, and other do not. Though a simple solution, it seems probable that if there is to be spirit, the students must make it.

Things don't just happen. Somehow they evolve, crystalize, and all those two bit words. A school doesn't change overnight from a clinic for sleeping sickness to a frontier town in excitement. Again, it depend on the student body.

As an ideal beginning it is suggested that the reader start for himself to get things moving a little faster. Go to the next game. Also, if you should feel inspired, stick a pin, or some other sharp instrument into somebody.

Those who work have a right, if pressed for time (which some are not), to pass up a few games. A lot of us try to feel consciously that we are being great students, ambitious, etc. That when, as a matter of fact, we are mostly moping around home, and playing around other places.

RECOMMENDED—A LITTLE SUPPORT

When it comes to yelling or rooting, feminine voices are, no doubt, the most inspiring. But soprano voices can be heard better with a little contrast. And how badly that contrast is needed. From the standpoint of the sport department, it is hard to figure out why we can't get to chapel, at least on days prior to the games. There is plenty of time to smoke, or to eat a bar of candy, or to gossip, whether it is while hoofing it from Science Hall, or while rooting in the Hash-House. There is utterly no excuse for not going to chapel at such times. Keep awake, and be in the last chapel before the next game.

THESE WOMEN

It is a great question what is going to happen as regards these women. If you have noticed them just once prancing around the basketball court, boys, you must have done considerable wondering.

A little incident happened last year that was interesting. A number of women were the onlookers while several of the boys decided to prove their manliness by playing with a regular basketball team. Before long two or three girls joined in that basketballing occupation, a turn of events which was hardly expected.

Well, the ball went back and forth a little more speedily and with a good deal more relucantly each time. The game lasted three or four minutes until two of the participants discovered that the playing circumstances, unusual for the noon hour. Who was to stop? A couple of the boys.

The next time the girls saw that she needs some protection, get them out of the car, and go through all the motions you desire. But, whatever you do, don't let her get sore!

Pagan Practice at Uni of Pennsylvania

"That Pennsylvania has found it necessary to accomplish a complete metamorphosis from aristocracy to democracy in the last quarter century," says W. Thornton Martin in the March College Humor, "is the whole explanation of her present status with the high-bat sisterhood, who formerly admitted her to second cousinship but now gaze frigidly over her shoulders at her declass appearance. There is something grand in the large-hearted way she dispenses learning to Back Bay and back alley alike and if you are not awfully careful she will make a man of you in spite of juvenile coddling or any false ideas of caste and snobishness. Whether we like it or not this sort of school is closer to being a read approximation of life post collegium than the so-called 'rich man's college' wholly proficient in teacup balancing."

Pennsylvania was once rich in traditional institutions. Perhaps the most highly cherished affair of the kind was the 'rowbotham.' The story goes that somewhere down the misty corridors of the past a bibulous chap (whom we shall call Joe Night-owl) lived in an eyrie high above the Big Quad with a roommate by the name of Rowbotham. Nightowl fell into the regrettable habit of returning in the wee sma' hours from the Normandie Bar, his tummy distended with copious potions of the demon rum. On one such night with a fine disregard for the comfort of Rowbotham sleeping above he lifted up his voice in stentorian supplication requesting his roommate to 'throw down the key.' Rowbotham wearied of the din and leaping to his feet hurled every movable object within reach out of the window in the general direction of the pest below. From such a tiny acorn grew the noble custom of 'rowbothaming.' For after years at the sound of the rallying cry, Yo Rowbotham, every inhabitant of the dormitories rushed madly to window and cast forth electric light bulbs, chairs, towels, paper weights, inkwells and pillows.

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Besides inspecting carefully the condition of cars and insisting upon certain standards of safety in the packing and stowing of freight, the railroads school their trainmen and engineers in the proper handling of their trains, even going so far as to check up, by means of impact registers, on the degree of roughness in the handling of individual cars. Every railroad of any size has its own police department to protect its shipments from robbery. Station and accounting forces are carefully trained in the billing, checking and tracing of freight. Special departments are maintained for the adjustment of freight claims.

With all this care, is it any wonder that railway payments for freight loss and damage have declined remarkably in recent years? Between 1920 and 1927, for example, the number of such claims presented declined from 4,721,497 to 2,527,055, payments of all freight claims declined from \$119,833,127 to \$37,146,813, and payments per car loaded declined from \$2.66 to 72 cents. Robbery losses per car in 1927, for example, averaged 2.2 cents—just a trifle more than the cost of a postage stamp for a letter.

Because of the safety and financial responsibility which they present, the railroads feel well justified in soliciting the continued freight patronage of the American public.

Constructive criticism and suggestions are invited.

L. A. DOWNS,

President, Illinois Central System.

CHICAGO, February 15, 1929.

(An essay contest on "The Future of the Railroads," now in progress, will close February 28. For details address L. A. Downs, President, Illinois Central System, Chicago.)